

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 21, 2006 has been fully considered by the Applicant. The allowance of Claims 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and the indication that Claims 2, 3, 4, and 7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged.

By way of the present amendment, independent Claim 1 has been amended to clearly convey that the radially extending shoulder of the cylindrical liner engages with the central opening in the liner clamp plate.

Claim 1 has also been amended to address the Examiner's comments under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 5, as now amended, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Schaaf (U.S. Patent No. 3,438,334) or Pangburn (U.S. Patent No. 3,327,643) is respectfully traversed. Neither Schaaf nor Pangburn includes the feature of a radially extending external shoulder on a cylindrical liner which engages the central opening in the liner clamp plate.

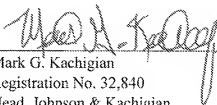
For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the independent claim patentably defines the invention over the prior art.

Claims 2 through 7 each depend on Claim 1, include all limitations thereof, and are believed allowable for the same reasons.

The Examiner's comments concerning drawing Figures 1 and 2 have been addressed by adding the legend "PRIOR ART" thereto.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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